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1. While Examiner Reddy is on leave, Examiner Lee has considered the amendment filed on January 6, 2010 in her absence. The present application remains docketed to Examiner Reddy.
2. Applicants' amendment filed January 6, 2009 has been fully considered; however, the amendment has not been entered given that it raises other new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

With respect to new issues, independent claim 1 has been amended to include a second vulcanization step which was not presented in the previous set of claims. Therefore, the amendment would require further consideration and/or search. This amendment was discussed in interview held on December 11, 2009

As the amendment is not being entered, those of applicant's arguments with regard to overcoming the prior art rejections based on the possibility of entry of amendment are rendered moot.

***Conclusion***

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Doris L. Lee whose telephone number is (571)270-3872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30 am to 5 pm and every other Friday.

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